

racial discriminations in stores, on steamers, on railroads and in other public places.

The removal of these obstacles by law-makers who believe in fair play, will go a long way toward erasing colorphobia. One point more that should not be overlooked is, that every organization that has the ear of the public, from the American pulpit down, should cry aloud the adequacy of the Christian religion in solving these perplexing problems.

This is the cure for all ills. The great trouble has been the lack of applied Christianity.

State Disgraced, Humanity Made Sick, God Denied, says the Rev. C. Y. Trigg

(Statement Made at Sunday Morning Service)

We are under a cloud of gloom today and under indictment unless we openly repudiate the orgy of human torture practiced in Salisbury, Friday night. Our State is disgraced, our government has been undermined our humanity is sick, our God has been denied.

The most significant aspect of our civilization is pretense. It is bad enough to hate, but to pretend at the same time that we love is all but unpardonable. Let the Eastern Shore confess her sins, yea let America confess her sins, and then and not until then will a new day be born.

The International Labor Defense is accused of causing the trouble. Well, this organization merely said that Yuel Lee could not get justice on the Eastern Shore and asked for a change of venue. But the accusation of the organization is proved by the action of the mob Friday night, and the charge against it breaks down of itself. All that the I.L.D. asked was entirely within the law.

Let me tell you what I know of this Shore section. I lived there for more than three years. My father was sent to Princess Anne, 15 miles from Salisbury, to take charge of the state school, thirty years ago. On the first visit he made into the town on business, two white boys stoned him and called him "nigger."

In 1907 I, myself, was picked to be

Always be Prepared to Protect Your Homes Against Mobs, says the Rev. Charles E. Stewart

(Statement Made at Sunday Morning Service)

It is to be regretted by us all that with the thousands of dollars spent annually by the State, especially among the whites, for school purposes, having for its purpose the removal of the people from savagery and barbarism, such little headway has been made.

Only a few hours ago, hundreds of white people in Salisbury, gathered from the street corners, business houses, social centers, churches, many of whom would laugh at African nakedness, went to a hospital and took from a sick bed a human being in bandages.

About the only word spoken in the hospital were spoken by a nurse who is reputed to have said complacently, "Please take him quietly," at the same time offering no protest, affording her patient no protection, pointing him out on his cot, seeing his murderers throw back the cover and lead him away.

While this was going on, the Governor of the State was in a distant city seeking influence enough to make him President of the United States. Although he knew there was racial trouble on the Eastern Shore and anything might happen at any moment, and that the Lee case was stirring the air days before this lynching, the Governor had not seen fit to give a public statement sufficiently strong to stave off a lynching.

I ask all colored people to keep their heads up. Don't be discouraged, be prepared at all times to protect your homes and your families with your lives, for this is a God given right and privilege.

Ask God in your daily devotions to forgive these murderers as Jesus asked forgiveness for those who lashed His innocent back, and also ask God to keep open the door of opportunity for us long enough for the day to arrive when this display of beastly brutality will be missing from the hearts of those alongside of whom we must live.

Let us reduce to a minimum the criminal tendencies within our ranks. Let us continue to ask for a fair and impartial trial guaranteed us by the Constitution, and if our homes are improperly invaded, resist even with life.

Hold Prayers for AFRO Investigators at St. Matthew

Special prayer services for the AFRO-AMERICAN investigators who were dispatched to Salisbury following the lynching of Matthew Williams, were conducted at the St. Matthew M.E. Church, 23rd Street and York Road, Sunday.

The pastor, the Rev. C. H. Matthews, denounced the perpetrators of the tragedy and told how in his early pastorate in West Virginia he had helped save a member of his congregation from a mob that attempted to take the man from jail.

He also cited numerous experiences on the Eastern Shore that showed the bitter racial feeling that existed in that section of the state.

Lynching to be Test of White Clergy, says the Rev. F. S. King

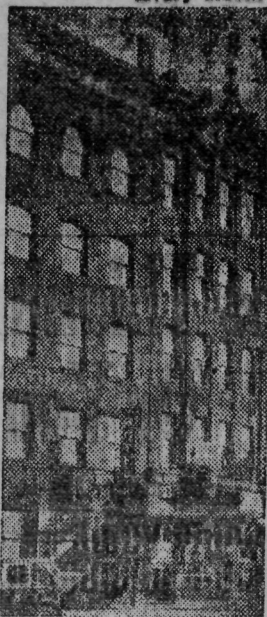
The Rev. F. S. King, pastor of First Abyssinia Baptist Church, in a sermon to his congregation last Sunday, said:

"I am determined to follow the daily press in order to see what the white ministers have to say about this recent lynching. From this I shall be able to determine, to a large extent, the meaning of the white ministry's religion.

"If I find that the white minister is silent, then I shall believe that his religion is vain."

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